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1. KHMER PERMREP CHHUT CHHOEUR HAS PASSED ON A SUMMARY OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH VENEZUELAN DEPUT PERM-REP TAYLHARDAT ON THE VENEZUELAN VOTE IN THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AND ON POSSIBLE HOSTILE ACTION ON KHMER CREDENTIALS IN PLENARY DEC 16.

2. TZYLHARDAT SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN MUCH IMPRESSED BY SENEGAL'S ARGUMENT THAT THE PASSAGE OF RES 3238(XXIX) REQUIRED THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN ON THE CREDENTIALS OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD SPLIT THE PARAGRAPH IN ORDER TO ENBALE HIM TO ABSTAIN ON THE AMENDMENT SINCE HE DID NOT FEEL HE COULD VOTE AGAINST IT. HE ASKED CHHUT CHHOERU HIS OPINION.

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CHHUT CHHOEUR REPLIED THAT INDEED HE DISAGREED,

THAT HE AND THE COSPONSORS OF RES 3238(XXIX) INTERPRETED THE RESOLUTION AS MINATAINING THE STATUS QUO AND THAT TO "TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION" ON THE CREDENTIALS OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC WORLD ACTUALLYBE A CHANGE OF EXACTLY THE SORT THAT RES 3238XXIX) INTENDED TO AVOID. TAYLHARDAT INDICATED THAT HE HAD NOT CONSIDERED IT IN THIS LIGHT.

3. TAYLHARDAT TOLD HCCUT, CHHOEUR THAT HE WAS "FLABBERGASTED" BY THE CHINESE ABSTENTION ON OPERATIVE PARA 2 AND ASKED WHAT THE CHINESE REASON WAS. CHHUT GAVE TWO POSSIBLE REASONS: ONE, THAT THE CHINESE HAD CLAIMED THAT RES 3238(XXIX) WAS ONLY A "SCRAP OF PAPER" AND THERFORE NULL AND VOID; TWO, THAT THE CHINESE OBJECTED TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS' BEING GIVEN EQUAL STATUS THAT IN THAT PARA. TAYLHARDAT LATER TOLD CHHUT CHHOEUR THAT HE ASKED THE CHINESE WHY THEY DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTE, AND THE CHINESE REPLIED THAT THEY CONSIDERED RES 3238(XXIX) ILLEGAL AND THEREFORE NULL AND VOID.

4. TAYLHARDAT SAID HE THEN ASKED THE CHINESE WHAT ACTION THEY INTENDED ON CREDENTIALS IN PLENARY DEC 16. THE CHINESE REPLIED THAT THEIR SIDE INTENDED TO PRESENT AN AMENDMENT TO THE RESOLUTION REPORTED BY THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE IN THE SAME FORM AS LAST YEAR; I.E. ADD TO A PARA APPROVING THE REMAINING CREDENTIALS THE WORDS "EXCEPT FOR THE CREDENTIALS OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC." BENNETT

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